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1. Society membership in the International Astronautical Federation (IAF) now totals 7,600.
2. Of special interest at the Conference were recently released films of French rocket motor development at Vernon and test firings of the "Veronika" at Colomb Bechar, French Morocco. The "Veronika" is a research sounding rocket similar to the US Aerobee.
3. Thirty-two technical papers were presented on space medical problems (with particular emphasis on cosmic radiation hazards), high temperature resistant materials of construction, theories of combustion, guidance and control, orbital flight systems, artificial satellite design calculations, aerodynamic heating problems, propulsion systems and reviews of astronautical progress.
4. The following new officials were elected:
 - President: F C Durant III (USA)
 - First Vice President: Prof T B Tabares (Argentina)
 - Second Vice President: E B Anderson (Denmark)
 - Secretary: J A Stenger (Germany)
5. The Sixth IAF Congress will be held in Copenhagen in August 1955.
6. A communication was received from a rocket society in the Soviet Zone of Austria, Österreichisch-Sowjetische Gesellschaft Wien I, Himmelpfortgasse 13, dated 3 Aug 54, and signed by the secretary, Mr. Grinsberg, stating that there had been insufficient time to send a delegation to the Congress.

[Available on loan from the CIA LIBRARY, are copies of abstracts and papers which were available at the Congress.]

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